

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated March 23, 2009, and completion of the personal interview of April 28, 2009. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and summarized herein. The Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous office action is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-16, 18-24, 26-27, 29-35, 37-38, and 40-44 are currently pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informalities objected to by the Examiner.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 10-13, 14-16, 19, 21-24, 26-27, 29-30, 32-35, 37-38, and 40-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152215 to Clark et al. (*hereinafter*, "Clark") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,188,311 to Tanaka et al. (*hereinafter*, "Tanaka"). Claims 9, 20, 31, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark and Tanaka as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0003240 to Lai et al. (*hereinafter*, "Lai"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

As discussed during the Interview, the subject application teaches an embodiment that allows a user to avoid the difficult task of copying selected pages from a publication, such as a book, by opening it and holding it against a copier window. Copying book pages in such a fashion requires paging through each book page needed, and pressing the pages as best as possible given the book binding to the copier glass. In addition to the difficult task of copying individual pages, the resultant copies are frequently not straight, the text varies in size near the binding that cannot be pressed close to the glass, and artifacts such as shadowing or dark regions surround the text.

Amendment to each of independent claims 1, 12, 23 and 34 has been made to include limitation relative to an embodiment where a user actually has the publication at the copier, but wishes to avoid the problems noted earlier. The user need only scan indicia of the book, such as a barcode, ISBN number, or even title or author via optical character recognition. The device then consults a database, and displays on the user interface a thumbnail of the publication cover, allowing the user to easily verify that the correct book has been located. The user then enters the pages needed into the user interface, and those pages are obtained from a database and printed out from electronic copy, thus resulting in an accurate selection and quick, crisp rendering of the

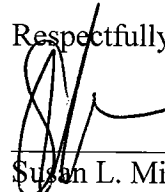
needed pages. Tanaka "page" information is directed to specification of special formatting, but does not alter actual selection of pages. Nor does the art of record teach the unique use of a scanner and thumbnail to allow a user to accomplish page selection and rendering.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art, and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/00024.

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Respectfully submitted,



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